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Babysitter Home From Festivities in Santa Barbara

Starry-eyed Sandy McAbee, returned to her Flat Street home here Monday, the sounds of the channel city town of Santa Barbara ringing in her ears.

Sandy, her mother, Mrs. Florence McAbee, sister, Mrs. Lois Green, and Beverly McAbee, a sister-in-law, were treated royally by Santa Barbara civic leaders, press and broadcasting people, merchants and the local Kiwanis Club over the week end.

All this was to fete the young Torrance babysitter for saving the lives of four children here on June 20. She was sitting with the four youngsters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton, at their 1130 Flat Street residence when fire broke out. She calmly led the four to safety.

Since, Sandy has been the host of the Southland, appearing on television and being the subject of numerous newspaper articles.

She was given a complete wardrobe by Santa Barbara merchants and was guest of honor at a testimonial dinner Saturday night.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McAbee, 1016 Flat Street.

At the suggestion of Councilman Nickolas Drule, Sandra will be invited to participate in the Civic Center dedication program here next month. The Council concurred with Drule's suggestion at its Tuesday meeting.

GOP Meeting Scheduled For Tuesday

George C. S. Benson, president of Claremont Men's College and chairman of the policy committee, of Republican Associates, will address the meeting of the Los Angeles County Republican Assembly in Hotel Hacienda, San Pedro, next Tuesday night, July 24, at 8 p.m., according to President Carl Lindstrom, of the County Republican Assembly.

The dinner meeting, which is being hosted by the 68th District Republican Assembly, of which Mrs. Jean W. Haley is president, will attract some 300 Republican leaders from throughout Los Angeles County.

Benson is active in Republican affairs, and his talk will be on the subject, "The Time for Decision is Now."

The dinner is \$3 including tax and tips, according to Mrs. Haley, and reservations should be made through Republican headquarters at Terminal 3-8823, or through Mrs. Virginia Selover, FAirfax 8-5489. The affair is one of the monthly county-wide Republican meetings on the theme, "Makers of History."

Local Man Is Legion Exec

W. E. Kalbfleisch, local attorney and Legionnaire, was recently installed as a member of the Executive Committee of the 10th District of the American Legion, Department of California.

The 10th District comprises 51 Legion Posts and a membership of over 9000 members. Its area includes the southern part of Los Angeles County.

Kalbfleisch will represent the District and in conjunction with Legion Posts at Redondo Beach, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Harbor City and Lomita.



IN PARADE . . . Shirlee Garner Witly, former Torrance beauty queen contestant, is shown here as she participated in the Miss Universe Parade in Long Beach Sunday as Miss California. She was later eliminated in the selections for Miss U.S.A. in the international beauty contest.

Attorney Objects

Proceedings on the Yukon Avenue Improvement District were started all over this week when attorneys reviewing the proceedings of the case for the contractor raised objections to two phases of the matter.

In a lengthy report filed with the city, Attorney Roscoe R. Hess, representing Sanitary Construction & Engineering Co., objected to a provision in the resolution prepared for the city by the engineering firm of

Barnet, Hopen, and Smith, and to the manner in which Mayor Isen continued a public hearing on the district without a vote of the Council.

The matter had reached contract stage after a series of hearings required on such matters when it was tossed out by the objections.

It will be necessary now to start over again on the hearings, and a timetable provided by City Engineer Ronald Bishop indicates that construction now should start by Sept. 15.

Included in the project are sewers, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks along Yukon Ave. and on intersecting streets from a point south of 177th St. to Redondo Beach Blvd.

Attorney Hess referred specifically to a hearing on April 24, 1956, at which the minutes show that Mayor Isen "ordered the hearing continued for another week."

Hess maintained that Isen had no such power to order the continuation of the hearing and that "only the Council could do it by formal action."

Southwood Area Column Started By Wilma Tripp

A new column of neighborhood items from the Southwood Homes area makes its first appearance in the HERALD today.

Written by Wilma Tripp, of 5206 Lillian St., the new column will appear weekly with items of interest to all residents of the new Southwood development.

Wilma starts off today with a word picture of the problems faced by all new homeowners—lawns, weeds, and what have you.

The new HERALD columnist will be happy to hear about those birthday parties, vacations, and Sunday dinner guests.

She may be phoned at FR 8-2146.

Board Approves Schools' Budget

School Board members passed the district's 1956-57 budget at their Tuesday meeting but not before they became tangled in a hassle on the mushy topic of ice cream and milk service for the coming year.

The new budget totals \$6,868,840. The tentative budget, drawn up a month ago by school administrators, was somewhat less, \$6,730,283.

Biggest item by far is the more than \$4 million earmarked for salaries for teachers and district administrators. About \$6,700,000 went to teachers' salaries alone.

Easily the highest operating budget in the Torrance Unified School District's short history, the total is more than \$2 million over last year's \$4,753,943 budget.

Budget Breakdown
Following is a breakdown of the estimated expenditures: Administration, \$227,490; Instruction (including salaries), \$4,209,095; Auxiliary services, \$161,427; School plant operations, \$694,704; Plant maintenance, \$171,623; Fixed charges, \$232,036; Pupil transportation, \$151,799; Food service, \$14,460; Community service, \$6,000; Capital outlay, \$679,708; General reserve, \$200,000.

Prior to balloting on the budget, the board passed a proposal by school officials to establish accountant and buyer positions in the business department. Testing for the two posts will begin soon.

Dairy Business
Bids by several dairies, both in and out of Torrance, for the separate milk and ice cream concessions for local schools next year were thrown out in both cases. Since state law sets a statutory price on all products, the board felt it would review proposals for dairy services at a later date.

One dairy representative pleaded with the board at length to recognize his firm's bid, which was incorrect on one item. Assistant Superintendent for business Sam Waldrip said the bid was illegal but after some discussion it was decided to toss all the bids over and start again.

Waldrip said the dairy business for the district is taking on huge proportions and may be a \$20,000 a month proposition next year.

Motive Sought In Hanging Of Local Boy, 10

Authorities were still without word late yesterday on why a 10-year-old local boy was found hanging at his home Sunday evening. The youngster was reported improved at Harbor General Hospital yesterday but still unable to tell police circumstances of the incident.

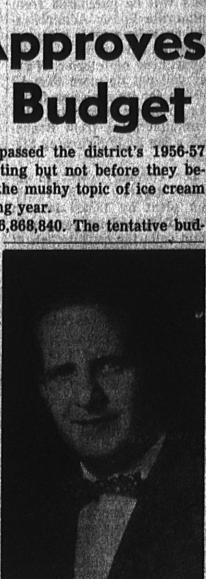
John Alton Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Wagner, 4753 Deelane, was found by his parents hanging from a rack near the ceiling of the garage. He was discovered with a cotton rope around his neck when his parents opened the garage door to drive the family car in.

Indications are the boy's attitude was normal, his parents said. They also reported he had not been punished lately.

He was discovered about 6:30 p.m. Earlier the victim and his sisters, Emma, 14, and Barbara, 16, had left their home to go to church. Authorities could not say how long he had been hanging.

A tube had to be inserted in the youngster's throat to aid in restoring breathing.

The Wagner's also have two other children, Gerald, 13, and Bonnie, 8.



(Herald Photo)
DR. JOSEPH BAY
In Resignation

Dr. Bay Resigns From Board; Cook Successor

Dr. Joseph Bay, local optometrist, tendered a letter of resignation to the Board of Education Tuesday evening, citing his family's move to San Pedro as reason in requesting leave from the board.

Bay, who was elected to the board in 1954, thus has served two years of his four-year term. Clinton Cook, of 18216 Wilton Pl., an employee of National Supply Co., was unanimously recommended to replace Bay.

Bay emphasized in an interview that he will continue to maintain his local office at 1427 Marcelina Ave. His resignation was accepted with regret.

He was a former vice president of the board. Cook is the father of three youngsters. He is a graduate engineer.

According to procedure, board members Mrs. Grace Wright, Darwin Parrish, Charlton Newborn and Joe Arnold investigated their choice for Bay's successor and all agreed on Cook.

Their choice will be sent to the Los Angeles County Board of Education, members of which will vote on the recommendation Monday.

'Youth' Rally Tomorrow Eve At Civic Aud.

Judge William M. McKesson will speak on the problems of parental responsibility in the upbringing of modern day youth at the "Challenge of Youth" rally to be held at the Torrance Civic Auditorium tomorrow night, at 8:30 p.m.

Locally and nationally recognized as an outstanding authority on youth problems, Judge McKesson was the recipient of the 1955 Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce Youth Service Award.

Also speaking at the rally will be Lt. John E. O'Grady, who is currently investigating the dope traffic. O'Grady will also present a short film.

There is no charge for the program.



INSPECTS DEATH PLANE . . . CAA Inspector Frank A. Allen of Torrance checks plane which carried Pilot Charles Callis to his death at Torrance Municipal Airport Tuesday evening. Witnesses on the ground said Callis appeared to be in trouble as he approached the landing strip at the airport.

Witnesses Say Pilot Had Trouble With Aircraft

The body of a 33-year-old Hawthorne pilot who died in a light plane crash at Torrance Municipal Airport Tuesday evening, is being sent to Evansville, Ind., for final services, it was announced yesterday from Halverson-Leavell Mortuary.

Charles Harvey Callis, at one time the nation's youngest licensed pilot, was killed Tuesday evening when his Ryan PT-22, which he had purchased recently, roared over

into a beanfield near the airport runway as he was trying to land.

A number of men who saw the crash told HERALD reporters at the scene that Callis was apparently in trouble. He had made a pass at the landing strip, found he was too high, and tried to pull out of the approach. His plane winged over to the right in a power dive into the field.

Something Wrong
"Something must have been wrong," Jim Sinclair, 23, co-owner with Callis in the plane said. "He had been flying for 10 years, and he would never come into the landing pattern as high as he did if everything was o.k.," he added.

Sinclair, who lives in Hawthorne, had been standing in front of the hangar at the airfield waiting for Callis to land. The two planned to tear the plane down that evening preparatory to having it relicensed by the Civil Aeronautics Authority, an annual procedure.

"I had been up flying it," Sinclair said. "Chuck said, 'Let me take it around once before we tear it down.'"

Did Snap Rolls
Callis took it up to about 4000 feet; did a couple of snap rolls in an area roughly described as south of Lomita, and was returning to the field when the plane crashed.

"He came into the pattern after about a 10 minute flight," Sinclair said. "He made the downwind leg and base leg



APPEARANCE DISCUSSED . . . Discussing plans for the television appearance of all the contestants for the title of Miss Torrance, 1956, are from left to right, Vel Milech, local auto dealer sponsoring the show; pretty Anna Thomas, one of the contestants to appear; and Jack McElroy, noted television personality.